

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert Allen Smith, et al.

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For: HYDRATABLE FORM OF KERATIN  
FOR USE AS A SOIL AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Deborah K. Ware

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Confirmation No. 2390

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION OF**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2007**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present paper is filed in response to a Requirement for Restriction of October 9, 2007, the due date for response for which is November 9, 2007. This paper is thus believed to be timely filed. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-1DIVUS.

Entry of the amendment beginning on the following page and consideration of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.